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Our Judges

The bill in the General Assembly to increase the pay of our Judges is generally endorsed by the press of the state.

Virginia Judges enjoy the confidence of the people with few exceptions, if any. The work of a conscientious and impartial Judge entails labor and much study and thought. The trial of cases is but a small part of the work. preparing opinions, digesting cases in vacation time requires pains and much labor.

We would like to see the salaries of our Judges enough to provide them with comfort and the necessaries of life with a substantial provision for their dependents. We believe such provisions to be in the interest of the personal and property rights of the people.

Chas. W. Hancock

This distinguished citizen of Appomattox died in Lynchburg this morning after a short illness. As he was leaving his place of abode on the morning of the 7th instant he was stricken down with paralysis, from which stroke he never recovered, although he retained consciousness until a short while before his death. The family and all realized his condition and all were summoned to his bedside. Had he lived until May he would have reached his 75th birthday.

Deceased was born in Charlotte county, May 13, 1853. He came to this county in 1876 and has lived here ever since. He is survived by an only brother, T. H. Hancock, of this place, and two sons and two daughters—Clement A. of Huntington, W. Va., Harry, of Lynchburg, Mrs. Lillie Gregory and Miss Naomi Hancock of this place.

Charles Hancock served Liberty Church as a deacon for 45yrs. and the Sabbath School as superintendent for 34 years. He was constantly in place, serving his church and Master faithfully from early youth. He was progressive in spirit and liberal to a fault in his benevolence. His dependent ones will miss his tender care and thoughtfulness. His church will feel his departure and the county and community has suffered a serious loss in his death.

It was late in life when the business world recognized the sterling worth of Charles Hancock, and his latter years have been marked with signal success, as fortune followed him in every endeavor, and as his friends applauded his success he spread his alms wherever he could afford relief and service. The Master architect of his wonderful natural talent rightly endowed him.

He was intensely interested in every move for the betterment of this town. He was the first President of the Farmers National Bank of Appomattox, which position he held at the time of his death. His wise counsel and social attainments will be missed by the officers of the bank who loved and esteemed him highly.

No history of Appomattox will be complete without the record of this wonderful man, who enjoyed the love and admiration of this people.

His remains were brought to his home—Mrs. Gregory, with whom he lived, this morning and funeral services will be held at Liberty Church Friday at 2:30 p. m.; interment will be made in the Hancock vault, Liberty cemetery.

It has been our good fortune to have known him from our childhood, and in his death we feel keenly the personal loss sustained.

A lofty character, with a heart filled with love for his fellowmen was the life our departed friend lived. Let us cherish his memory as a rich heritage.

Berkley Adams

F. G. DAWSON, in THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, Feb. 1,1928.

The General Assembly of 1928 has been opened with pomp and circumstance, and with several messages, heralded afar, from our distinguished governor. It might, perhaps, not be inappropriate that this General Assembly, which is undoubtedly met at an important, if not ethical, period in the affairs of this State, should have a few messages from the people; because, when all is said and done, the members of the Assembly represent the people rather than the Governor. We do not intend to disparage the value of messages conveying the views and advice of the Chief Executive, but rather to emphasize the first duties of representatives which is to legislate for the best interests of the people, and strictly according to the will of the people, wherever that will is apparent.

The present writer, being somewhere near an average private citizen, with an extensive opportunity to hear the expressed views of the average citizens, will assume, on behalf of the unofficial at large, the privilege of the represented, to commend where we approve, to criticise where we do not, and to offer for the consideration of the honorable gentlemen now assembled in legislative session, certain propositions, which seem to be most pressing for the immediate welfare of the people of the State.

In following your proceedings up to this time, we pause to note with unaffected pleasure, your action in the election of a judge of the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond. ****

But if we applaud your action in the matter of the Richmond judicial appointment, we must draw back with apprehension when you indorse executive appointment discrediting a true and tried public servant of the stature of Berkley D. Adams. Here is no matter of congratulation. I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Adams or his qualifications. My statements are based entirely upon the public prints, upon the reports of those who are in a position to know, and upon the emphatic comments of the people generally, and these are unanimous. Here is a man of unblemished record and acknowledged ability, in the prime of life and ripe experience, who has served the State faithfully and efficiently through long years of public approval. So far as reported or published, no incident of his career is open to attack or criticism but above and beyond, and infinitely more important than all this, Mr. Adams is the almost unanimous choice of the people, whom he was elected to serve, with a majority we are told, far in excess of our distinguished and progressive Governor. Yet he has been superceded in office. The expressed will of the people has been concisely vetoed, and members of the General Assembly, with two exceptions, have subserviently indorsed that veto.

This is a portentious foretaste of short ballotism with a vengeance. The affair, so far as Mr. Adams is concerned, is regrettable, and your action in the matter is distinctly distasteful to a large majority of the people whom you represent, but in the end it may redound to the eminent benefit of the State. Here we have ready made for our instruction an example of results that will follow from placing dictatorial powers (euphanistically called short-ballot), in the hands of any official. Cincinnatus might be an able an beneficent dictator, but Caligula and Commodus would not. ****

HITTITE RELICS FOUND IN TEMPLE

Explorers Make Rare Finds in Palestine.

Jerusalem.—Fresh evidence of the time when possession of Palestine was disputed between the Hittites and Egypt has been unearthed by the Pennsylvania University museum's expedition under the direction of Alan Rowe.

The latest discoveries have been made from Tel el Hosen, the great mound which covers the Biblical Beth-Shan. The expedition has previously discovered hieroglyphic inscriptions of the Pharaohs Seti and Rameses II. Rowe has since unearthed six Canaanite temples ranging from the time of Thothmes III to Rameses II. The period involved was when the new Egyptian empire was at its height.

All the temples contained objects from surrounding countries: Pottery and seals from Cyprese and Anatolia, and serpent-cult objects which apparently originated in Babylonia.

The same story is told by the latest discoveries from the two temples of Thothmes III. A beautifully made bronze military standard bearing the head of the Goddess Hathor was included.

It is presumed the garrison included a Hathor division, as well as the division of Ra and Sutekh, which are mentioned in the Beth-Shan inscriptions.

A valuable blue faience ring with the eye of Horus was included among the jewelry, and also one of the finest lapis lazuli scarabs ever found.

One of the most fascinating portraits found in the temples was of an Egyptian officer named Rameses Wear Kephesh, cut in a door lamb.

The officer was honored as the builder of one of the later temples, which, though erected in the time of Rameses II, was probably standing three centuries later.

It has been identified by Rowe with the "House of Dagon," in which Saul's head was hung after his defeat at the battle of Gilboa.

Sacrificial equipment of one of the earliest temples constitutes probably the most important of all the findings. Remains of a sacrifice were found in the bones of a three-year-old bullock. The equipment, with the sacrifice, was complete.

Pacific Exports to South America Show Big Gain

Washington.—Exports from Pacific coast states to the west coast republics of South America increased 230 per cent between 1913 and 1926, the Department of Commerce has revealed. The total value of exports grew from less than $5,000,000 in 1913 to more than $15,000,000 in 1926.

Trade with Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru and Chile has expanded strikingly since the war, the department said. Of 36 per cent of the combined export trade of the four countries, valued at $262,500,000 in 1926, representing products of the United States.

The department pointed to an evident demand for foodstuffs in the republics and said the Pacific coast states are in a favorable position to export needed wheat, lard, fish and fruit. Lumber is wanted in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador in large quantities. Chile has more need for petroleum.

Peru is regarded as the most favorable market, although lack of regular transportation facilities has retarded development of trade. Increase in this line of return cargoes, it is believed, would warrant expansion of the service.

New Barrier for Auto Bandits in England

London.—The police authorities have adopted a new type of barrier calculated to deal effectively with motor bandits.

The old type of wooden barrier across the road did not always work. Thieves have driven their cars straight at them, knocking them aside and doing little damage to the car.

The scheme that has been adopted out of the many submitted consists of two three-quarter barriers placed on either side of the road a short distance apart, forming an artificial "S" bend.

To pass these barriers cars will be forced to slow down. An attempt by a bandit to crash through them may be disastrous, for they are fitted with sharp instruments calculated to rip the tires of any car coming into collision with them.

Novel World Flight Now Being Planned

Wallingford, Conn.—An east-to-west world flight looms as part of New American aviation program for 1928.

Thomas M. Hewitt, Jr., of New York city, a wartime flyer and a former resident of Wallingford, projected the flight to perpetuate the memory of Raoul Lufbery, American ace, and that of the Lafayette escadrille in which Lufbery served during the World war.

Hewitt disclosed his plans before conferring with Connecticut's "Flying Governor," John H. Trumbull, on preparations for the trip and means of financing it.

A former pilot in the famous escadrille which was made up of American flyers who entered the French service before the United States declared war, Hewitt said that he had gained the promise of aid from the Wallingford Chamber of Commerce. Lufbery was a resident here at the time of his enlistment.

A tri-motored biplane, with a crew of four and space for two additional persons, will be used for the flight.

It is planned for the plane to arrive in Paris on or before May 30, 1928, in time to take part in the official dedication of the memorial de l'Escadrille Lafayette.

With New York as a starting point, the plane will take its course westward to San Francisco, with an intervening stop if necessary. From San Francisco the route is planned to include Honolulu, Tokyo, Vladivostok, Peking, Shanghai, Hongkong, Hanoi, Calcutta, Delhi, Kabul, Teheran, Constantinople and various capitals in Europe. The final hop will be from Paris to New York.

To Sell Home of Author of "Home, Sweet Home"

New York.—"Home, Sweet Home" is for sale. The inspiration for John Howard Payne's famous sentimental song, the old gray farmhouse, aged by the snows of many winters, in which the author spent his boyhood at East Hampton, Long Island, is to go to the highest bidder.

The home was owned by Gustave H. Buek, president of the Alco Gravure company, until his death recently. Now his widow, Mrs. Hannah Louise Buek, has announced her intention of disposing of the property.

First Test

New York.—The first test of an ideal husband is whether he is a good provider, as seven Long Island girls view the matter.

Many Biers

Hoboken, N. J.—A Kupper Bier, one hundred and seven, is the ancestor of more voters than its years.

Sugar Once Highly Prized

Refined sugar, in the modern sense, is a Sixteenth century invention. Until comparatively recent times it was considered a luxury. In the days when colonists began to settle in America a pound of the delicacy cost as much as a good horse.

STRANGEST CULT IS FADING OUT

Face Extinction in Snowbound Siberian Forests.

Moscow.—The Shamans, one of the strangest cults of spiritualist medicine men in the world, face extinction in the snow-bound forest fastnesses of Yakutia, Siberia, to which they fled years ago to escape what they call the "humdrum superficiality" of modern civilization.

Once respected by the Yakuts as a supernaturally inspired caste, treated and feasted like gods, the Shamans are dying out because their self-imposed isolation prevents them from attracting converts. They do not believe in marriage or childbirth. An adult soul alone is capable of being imbued with the healing properties of the great god of the steppes, Amsgyel. Few of their hymns have been collected and preserved for posterity. If the Shamans pass from the earth, they probably will take their enchanting music with them to the grave.

Dimitri Rogal-Levitsky, famous Russian musical ethnologist, one of the few white men who have succeeded in collecting authentic information about the Shamans, described to the correspondent the "kamlanye," or great sacred ceremony of Shamanism, presided over by the chief Shaman beginning at twilight.

The success of this spiritual healing among the people was so great that the Yakuts, a semi-primitive race, ascribed heavenly powers to the Shamans. But as political exiles and travelers spread Western civilization among the Yakuts, the Shamans took offense and for a decade have been living in seclusion.

Must Put U. S. A. After a Ph. D. in Prussia

Berlin. — College graduates who earned their Ph. D. at an American university must, if they wish to use their title in Prussia, either call themselves "Dr. Phil. in U. S. A." or obtain a special permission recognizing the foreign title. This was recently decided by the Berlin courts.

There is a law on the statute books which prescribes that all Prussian citizens who obtained an academic degree outside of Prussia may attach the degree to their names only if the ministry of education issues a special permit so to do.

A graduate of an American university had failed to obtain the permission and was therefore hailed into court. Fortunately, however, he could prove that he had always signed himself as "Dr. Phil. in U. S. A." The court decided that, so long as the foreign origin was clearly indicated, there was no legal objection to using the title.

It Blooms Early

The rhodora of Emerson's poem is rhodora canadensis, says Nature Magazine. It has rose-colored or purple flowers, grown in wet places and blooms early before the leaves are expanded.

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Prodigies Sacrifice Childhood, Says One

New York.—A belated childhood is the fate of all musical prodigies, believes Jascha Heifetz, only a few years out of the prodigy class himself.

"The parents of little Yehudi Menuhin, the boy violinist who so startled New York this season, are very wise in retiring the youngster for the rest of the season," Heifetz said. "A very few appearances a year serve to give the child poise and an incentive to work, but too many spoil him."

Talent in childhood, said Heifetz, precludes the possibility of a natural childhood.

Developing Language

Custom is the great language maker. If children grew up on a deserted island and had no one to teach them to talk, in all probability they would develop a language of their own, which would serve their purposes. One might point to what we call a "coconut" and say "Awk." And the "Awk!" would mean coconut to him.—Exchange.

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NEW MOUNTAINS FOUND IN SIBERIA

Great Range 600 Miles Long Hitherto Unknown.

Washington.—A great mountain range, bigger than the Canadians, has been discovered by Russian explorers in an almost unknown territory in Sibera, hitherto believed to be nothing more than a rolling plain, according to information just received here.

It lies in northeastern Yakutsk, a little known region containing unexplored areas larger than France.

The district was found to be mountainous and to be part of a vast range that trends from the Arctic coast, east of Lena river, southward and eastward.

This range, with an estimated length of more than 600 miles and a greater width of nearly 200 miles, is perhaps the last great mountain range of the world that had remained undiscovered. It has been named in honor of M. Cherskf, a Russian geologist who explored parts of Siberia.

Where it is cut through by Indigirka river the Cherskf range comprises nine mountain chains, whose highest summits reach more than 10,000 feet. The party passed some of the gorges by rafting down the river but found others impassable and had to make long detours over the mountains.

Because of the unexpected roughness of the district the exploration consumed much more time than was anticipated and the party was overtaken by heavy snow before returning.

Ranks Farm Children Above Those City Bred

Wellington, N. Z.—Farm children are superior to city-reared children, says a national report on a survey of the physical growth and mental attainment of the boys and girls of New Zealand. Superiority of farmer children was most pronounced at the age of thirteen.

The survey included 20,000 town and country children ranging in age from ten to fourteen, and was carried out by Dr. Ada Paterson, director of the health department's division of school hygiene, and Dr. E. Marsden, assistant director of education.

Grouping the boys and girls in accordance with the fathers' occupations, the investigators ascertained that the children of the farmers were tallest, being closely followed by those of professional men. Regarding weight, it was shown that farmers' children were markedly heavier than the average, the difference increasing with age, while the children of professional men, though above the average in height, showed no excess in weight.

Total result of the survey showed that the average height and average weight of children of good mental attainment were greater than in the case of those of inferior ability.

Story-Telling Champion of Lithuania 100 Years Old

Druktis, Lithuania.—Wars and rumors of wars do not disturb the serenity of old Dede Pisankorius, famous story-teller of Lithuania. His home lies close to the Polish demarcation line, which is the apple of discord between the two nations.

The region is especially dear to pa briotic Lithuanians, for all the best old age-old folk stories and songs, in which the Lithuanian language is rich, originated here.

Even this village, "Druktis," has a poetic name. It means "Song-Land."

Pankorius is known all over the country as the "story-telling smoke." He has an inexhaustible fund of them, and he tells them with a natural charm to delighted audiences. He is well over one hundred, but when one asks him how old he really is he says:

"Oh, boy! No man can tell. I'm so old, I've forgotten."

Paid Its Way

Rapid City, S. D.—George Fisher brought a tire for repair here after receiving a puncture in the Black hills. Repair men discovered a gold nugget, about one and a quarter inches in length, embedded in the tire. A local jeweler said the nugget was worth $1.85, or much more than the cost of repairing the punctures.

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Many American Eagles Butchered in Alaska

Philadelphia.—The American eagle in Alaska is disappearing under the bounty system of 1917, of that territory, says Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

"There are many of these eagles left," said Doctor Pearson, "but from what I saw of them and learned on my hasis. It is plain that the bird is far less numerous than a few years ago. Official reports of the bounties paid up to August 4, 1927, as supplied me by Karl Tidele, secretary of Alaska, showed that the fee of 40,500 eagles had been turned in for the $2 bounty (formerly 50 cents)."

Doctor Pearson also stated that eagles do not find it very difficult to obtain the entrees are regarded by sheepmen as fine, praseptains, young mountain sheep, fawns and young some foxes. "I found it very difficult however, to find people who had actually seen eagles performing any of these depredations, aside from eating fish."

London Invents Lock to Guard Milk Bottle

London.—Science and a London milk company have come to the aid of despairing housewives whose morning bottles of milk have been disappearing with irritating regularity.

Doors are being fitted with a device which automatically locks the milk to the door and places a metal shield over the top of the bottle. It can only be released from the inside of the door.

The device is placed high up on the door out of the reach of children and cats. The metal cap covering protects the bottle from marauding birds. A determined thief could only break the bottle but that would arouse the household.

Recently residents of an entire block claimed that their milk was being tampered with and an inspector assigned to learn the cause discovered an aged Jackdaw making the rounds, pecking out the pasteboard bottle caps, apparently for his own mischievous amusement. The new invention will take care of him, too.

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